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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/651,422 418/RCE
Filing Date	August 30, 2000
First Named Inventor	Jeffrey W. Honeycutt 7115/3
Group Art Unit	2812
Examiner Name	Kennedy, Jennifer
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1332

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply (Response to March 31, 2003 Final Office Action)
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Return receipt postcard

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 23-0925

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 07/03/2003 CCHAU1 00000135 09651422
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- Other Any deficiency

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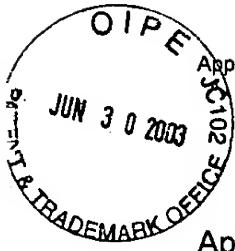
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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 31, 2003 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
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**AMENDMENTS**

**Introductory Comments**

The present Response is submitted in the Revised Amendment Format and therefore qualifies for waiver of provisions 37 CFR 1.121(a), (b), (c) and (d).